Nov. 30, 1928.

Mrs. I. O. Rambo,
Arlington, Ga.

My dear Mrs. Rambo:

I have your letter of November 27th.

I have been working five years on the Collier genealogy, and I am still working to connect up all branches. You will not have to copy all of your data. If you can only give me the heads of the various lines you have on the Colliers, just as you have done in your letter of November 27th, it will perhaps enable me to connect you up later if not now when I finish working on my Collier line.

I can tell you now that your Colliers are the same as mine. For instance I am a descendant of Vines Collier who came from Virginia to Georgia in 1780. Vines had many brothers, and his father was named Isaac. Vines settled in Oglethorpe County which was then Wilkes County Oglethorpe being cut off from Wilkes eight or ten years later.

On Tuesday of this week, November 27th, I visited in person the old home of Vines Collier, which is now known as the Howard place, near Salem Church four miles from Lexington, and visited the house he built one hundred and thirty-five years ago---a beautiful old white mansion still, and occupied now by a gentleman known as Mr. A. T. Howard. The Colliers and Howards intermarried about 1800-02. Vines Collier died in 1795 and his will stands of record in Oglethorpe County.

Vines Collier had a son named Benjamin and the records show that a Benjamin removed to Crawford County along about 1820-25. I also have a record of the Benjamin that went to Early County, but I would like to know when this Benjamin Collier went to Early County, what year, in order that I may reconcile my mind as to whether the Benjamin that went to Early County was named of Vines Collier or a brother. Vines Collier's mother was named Anne Vines and married Isaac Collier whose will was proved August 15, 1737. In other words, Anne Vines was the daughter of Thomas Vines and Mary Hill. The Hills came to Georgia about the same time that Vines Collier did.

Another brother of Vines Collier settled in South Carolina, and to this family the Atlanta Colliers belong.

Vines had a brother by the name of Myhill who married Tabitha, the daughter of Col. Benjamin Harrison. Tabitha died and Myhill married her sister, Judith Harrison. You will find these names coming along

every now and then in the Collier family.

Now I will go back and tell you a little more. The first Collier that I have connected up and that we are descendants of is Robert Collier, of Stone, England, who married Isabella Doddington and died in 1505. Robert was a linen merchant and had three sons as follows: Thurston; James; and Robert. Thurston raised a family and had a son named Robert. I also have the names of the ladies they married.

Robert Collier, son of Thurston, raised a family as follows: Charles; John; Isaac; and Mary. Isaac married the sister of John and Edward Lockley, of London, whose name was Sarah. Isaac died in 1688 and his will was proved May 24, 1688. His son, Isaac, came to America and settled on Morgan's plantation in York County, Virginia, on a farm known as Porto Bello.

Charles Collier, son of Isaac, Sr., married Judith Harrison and had the following children: Isaac; Thomas; Charles; Elizabeth. He died in 1722, will proved August 20, 1722.

Isaac Collier, son of Charles, married Anne Vines, daughter of Thomas Vines, and had the following children: Lyhill; Thomas; Vines; Charles; Isaac; Elizabeth Smith; Judith; Anne who married Ephraim Parham, etc.

Now this brings you back to Vines who settled in Oglethorpe County. If you will give me a line on Benjamin Collier of Early County, telling me who his father was, when he settled in Early County and do not guess at it, I will tell you very quickly which branch you belong to.

The name "Regina" is in the family as mentioned in your letter, because John Collier, of London, England, who was the son of Robert and the grandson of Thurston, married Regina Semiliano, an Italian girl, and his will stands of record in the Virginia Gleanings in England by Lothrop Wottington and published in Virginia Magazine, His. & Bio. Vol. XVII, P. 303, dated December 16, 1648. The will was proven January 8, 1650. He was a very rich man.

Shortly I expect to visit Washington and Wilkes County, Greensboro and Green County connecting up additional lines.

Now, if you wish me to help you, you will have to answer my letters promptly in order that I may have the data before I go to these places. Had I received your letter before I went over to Lexington, I doubtless could have picked up some additional information on the Dillards and others.

The way to go at this thing properly, would be to get the first records of Early County or the records of whatever county Early was at the time Benjamin Collier moved into that section.

With very kind regards, I beg to remain

Yours most respectfully,

JCC:S